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SUBJECT: UN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

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1. IO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROBERT BLAKE MET WITH
MICHAEL WEIR, UNDER SECRETARY, FCO, PETER MAXEY, HEAD
OF UN DEPARTMENT, FCO, AND MICHAEL TAIT, DEPUTY HEAD,
JULY 21 FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON UN QUESTIONS.
BLAKE OPENED THE MEETING WITH DISCUSSION OF THE SECRE-
TARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH ALONG LINES REFTEL, STATING
DESIRE TO EMPHASIZE PARTICULARLY TO LDCS OUR WILLINGNESS
TO COME UP WITH PROPOSALS FOR MEANINGFUL ECON PROGRAMS
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DURING 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. WEIR AGREED WITH BLAKE'S

SUQGGESTION THAT UK COULD MAKE USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO OUR EFFORTS BY STRESSING IN ITS LDC CONTACTS THE PROBLEMS US FACES DOMESTICALLY IN DEALING WITH UN ISSUES AND THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF GENUINE US DESIRE TO MOVE TOWARDS SERIOUS DIALOGUE.

2. BLAKE ALSO DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE TACTICAL PROBLEMS LIKELY TO COME UP IN ANY ARAB ATTEMOT TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM GA. BLAKE EMPHASIZED OUR CONCERN THAT WITH EXCEPTION OF BRITISH AND FRENCH, OTHER EUROPEANS HAD NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN TRYING TO HEAD OFF BAR-ISRAEL RESOLUTION AT JIDDA CONFERENCE. WEIR SAID ITALIANS WERE VERY SOFT. HE ALSO DOUBTS OTHER MEMBERS OF EC WOULD MAKE BILATERAL EXPRESSIONS OF SUPOORT FOR CONTINUED ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN UNGA UNLESS SITUATION WORSENS AS THEY DO NOT WANT TO CONFRONT THE ARABS ON THIS ISSUE. THE NINE GENERALLY HOPE THE QUESTION WILL SIMPLY GO AWAY. HOWEVER, WEIR AGREED THAT UK WOULD HELP EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF DEMONSTRATING STRONG UNITED EUROPEAN OPPOSITION ON ISRAELI SUSPENSION AT LATER STAGE.

3. BRITISH ALSO COMMENTED ON FOLLOWING MAJOR POINTS:
A. SOUTH AFRICA IN UNGA: WEIR DISCUSSED REPORT FROM UK EMBASSY PRETORIA CITING SPEECH BY PIK BOTHA IN WHICH HE STATED SOUTH AFRICA WILL NOT ATTEND GENERAL ASSEMBLY IF IT IS GOING TO BE SUBJECT TO UNCONSTITUTIONAL ATTACKS. THIS POINT CONFIRMED TO BRITISH EMBASSY BY SOUTH AFRICA. IT IS UK HOPE THAT SA WILL NOT ATTEND. THEIR ABSENCE COULD MAKE DEALING WITH ISRAELI EXPULSION ISSUE SOMEWHAT EASIER.
B. 7TH SPECIAL SESSION: WEIR STATED UK SEES PREPARATION FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION VERY MUCH IN EC CONTEXT AND IS NOW ENGAGED IN BRUSSELS IN DRAFTING UNITED COMMODITIES APPROACH. THEY ARE OREPARED TO

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CONSIDER SOME FORM OF INDEXATION WITHIN A GENERAL
COMMODITY APPROACH OUTLING GENERAL PRINCIPLES TO BE
APPLIED TO

SPECIFIC COMMODITIES. HE STATED THAT THE NINE WILL
PROBABLY NOT MAKE ANY VERY SPECIFIC INITIATIVES BEYOND
COMMODITIES. MAXEY ADDED THAT WHITEHALL IS STRONGLY
OPPOSED TO ANY INTERFERENCE WITH IMF AND OTHER SUCH
BODIES IN 7TH SPECIAL SESSION.

C. KOREA: WEIR REITERATED UK SUPPORT OF US POSITION
ON KOREA BUT NOTED RELUCTANCE AMONG THE NINE TO SUPPORT
IT TOO OPENLY. WEIR STATED HE WILL SOUND OUT RUSSIANS
ON THE KOREAN QUESTION WHEN HE IS THERE NEXT FEW DAYS.
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4. WEIR AND BLAKE ALSO DISCUSSED WIDE RANGE OF GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND SECURITY COUNCIL PROBLEMS. WEIR PROBED
REPEATEDLY FOR INFO ON UNEF EXTENSION. BLAKE INDICATED
HE HAD NO LATE INFORMATION ON SUBJECT.

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